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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 3279

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SUBJECT: TAIWANESE DISSIDENTS IN JAPAN

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1. IF CHANG CHIN-TSE AND WU MING-HUI (REF B) ARE PAROLED INTO THE UNITED STATES, WE CAN EXPECT NOT ONLY A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION FROM THE GROC BUT ALSO AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE ROC, AT LEAST OVER THE SHORT RUN OF THE NEXT YEAR OR SO. SINCE LAST FALL, THE GROC HAS APPEARED TO HAVE ADOPTED AN INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD AND CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. (SEE TAIPEI 3237) THIS MAY BE SEEN IN AN INCREASING RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES. THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, THOUGH NOT DRAMATIC, HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN WELCOMED BY A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING MANY OPPOSITIONISTS. IF CHANG AND WU ENTER THE UNITED STATES AND RECEIVE PUBLICITY, MANY IN THE GROC WILL CERTAINLY SUSPECT THE USG OF COLLUSION AND OF BAD FAITH. (THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL REACTION HERE TO PENG MING-MIN'S ESCAPE.) THOSE WHO HAVE OPPOSED LIBERALIZATION WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR INFLUENCE BY ARGUING THAT GROC RESPONSIVENESS TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY HAS

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GAINED IT NOTHING BUT BAD PUBLICITY AT A TIME WHEN US SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING IS MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GROC COOPERATION WITH US ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED, AND THAT THE LOCAL TREND TOWARD GRADUALLY INCREASING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD AT LEAST TEMPORARILY BE SLOWED IF NOT STOPPED.

2. FYI: EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY SHI LAN-CH'I (AKA BARBARA SCHRAGE) DOES NOT REMEMBER HAVING MET EITHER CHANG OR WU, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE SHE MAY HAVE DONE SO AT ONE OF THE LARGE DINNER PARTIES GIVEN IN HONOR OF ROC COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEVIN DURING ONE OF HIS VISITS TO TAIWAN.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER CHINESE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY AT HEARINGS. DOES LIST INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, KANG NING-HSIANG, TO WHOM SALSBERG TALKED WHILE VISITING TAIWAN LAST APRIL AND WHO WE UNDERSTAND WAS PREPARED TO APPEAR AT HEARINGS IF HELD.
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